

## **DOE Lessons Learned Template**

Note: This Lessons Learned is also found in Appendix C- Fire Protection Readings

Title: Fire Services

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Lessons Learned Statement: Leverage assets of the Fire Department

Discussion of Activities: As closure progressed at the Rocky Flats site, they were able to leverage assets of the Fire Department to barter for specialized emergency services. In a closure and downsizing environment, the provision of specialized services such as HAZMAT and Technical Rescue can overpower the resources of the in-house force, and create a human resource logistics issue in maintaining the required training and certifications. The site initiated a transfer-in-kind whereby government owned vehicles and equipment were transferred to local fire agencies in exchange for specialized emergency services until complete closure. The resulting documents were titled Automatic Assistance Agreements. This tactic is not applicable at more permanent sites that would outlast the useful life of the vehicles. It is most effective to begin this process a minimum of 6 months prior to the proposed effective date.

Analysis (May be incorporated into the Discussion):

Recommended Actions:

Estimated Savings/Cost Avoidance (if applicable):

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